



2005 CROP PRODUCTION

The 2005 crop season began early in April with cool and wet conditions throughout the majority of the state. Rains during the spring months pushed crop emergence ahead of normal, but hindered small grain planting in some eastern areas of the state. With the exceptions of winter wheat and alfalfa hay, yields for most crops declined from several record highs that were recorded last year. At 91.0 bushels per acre, Idaho's winter wheat crop reached a new record high. The yield for alfalfa hay also increased, falling just short of the record yield of 4.30 tons per acre achieved in 1998. Yields decreased for potatoes, barley, spring wheat, oats, dry peas, dry beans, lentils and sugarbeets. The yields for corn for grain and corn for silage remained unchanged from the record highs of last year.

Spring planting and crop emergence in April progressed ahead of normal for most crops, with the exception of areas in eastern Idaho where rainstorms and wet conditions kept producers out of fields. The wet weather continued throughout most of April, with several parts of the state receiving above average precipitation totals for the month.

The beginning of May mirrored the month of April, as wet weather continued. Potato planting in the south-central and eastern parts of the state fell behind last year and the five-year average. Irrigation water outlooks in some counties were vastly improved due to the excessive moisture in the ground. Towards the end of the month, a spell of warm weather was welcomed. Farmers were able to push planting back to nearly normal.

June began with about one quarter of the first cutting of alfalfa hay harvested. Crop progress was slightly behind normal due to unseasonably cool weather. By mid-month, farmers were in fields spraying to control insects, disease and weeds. The state's cherry harvest was underway. Producers reported receiving a shorter crop due to severe frost damage. Livestock were reported in good condition, and ranchers were moving herds to summer ranges. The month's end brought above average temperatures and below average rainfall for most weather stations.

The month of July opened with more rain and thunderstorms. The second cutting of alfalfa hay was underway, and progressing slightly behind normal.

Wheat and barley growers in the state fought an outbreak of stripe rust, while viral disease problems were compounded by root rot in pea and lentil fields in northern areas of the state. Warmer weather during the middle of the month helped push crop progress forward, and put the outbreak of stripe rust on the decline. A severe hail storm in some eastern counties caused damage to some crops. The end of the month saw the beginning of the state's small grain, mint, and dry pea harvest, as well as the third cutting of alfalfa hay.

As August began, producers in select counties began killing potato vines. The state's peach harvest was progressing normally, while lentil harvest in the north lagged behind last year and the five-year average. Hot and dry weather conditions drastically pushed harvest forward. Several potato fields in Bonneville County were reported as showing signs of Verticillium and Rhizoctonia. By the end of the month, the winter wheat harvest was nearly complete, and the apple and onion harvest had begun.

September saw numerous wildfires, one of which destroyed approximately 4,500 acres around Twin Falls County. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was on the ground, and winter wheat seeding was underway. Corn harvest for silage began in the south-eastern part of the state. By mid-month, fall fieldwork was in full swing, as potato cellars were readied for storage. The potato crop was reported to be in fair to excellent condition with harvest just underway. The month ended with below average temperatures, and the first frosts of 2005 were seen in some counties.

Fall temperatures were slightly above normal with precipitation accumulating throughout most of the state to begin the month of October. Early-dig sugarbeet harvest was underway, as the state's potato harvest lagged behind normal. The corn for grain harvest began during the middle of the month, while the apple harvest was nearing completion. Cold, wet weather had producers in areas of south-eastern Idaho struggling to get their small grain and potato crops out of the fields. By month's end, the 2006 winter wheat crop had been planted and was reported in good condition. The onion harvest was wrapped up, and harvest activities for sugarbeets and corn for grain continued into the month of November. Livestock were in good condition, and were being moved off of summer ranges.

2005 IDAHO ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY

CROP	YEAR	ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER UNIT ¹	VALUE OF PRODUCTION ¹
		Planted	Harvested					
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Bu</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, ALL ²	2003	1,190	1,130	74.9	"	84,660	3.49	294,269
	2004	1,250	1,190	85.5	"	101,710	3.61	365,222
	2005	1,260	1,200	83.8	"	100,590	3.40	337,876
WHEAT, WINTER	2003	760	720	80	"	57,600	3.38	194,688
	2004	750	700	90	"	63,000	3.45	217,350
	2005	770	730	91	"	66,430	3.20	212,576
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	2003	430	410	66	"	27,060	3.68	99,581
	2004	500	490	79	"	38,710	3.82	147,872
	2005	470	450	72	"	32,400	3.65	118,260
DURUM WHEAT ³	2003	--	--	--	"	--	--	--
	2004	--	--	--	"	--	--	--
	2005	20	20	88	"	1,760	4.00	7,040
BARLEY	2003	750	720	66	"	47,520	3.15	149,688
	2004	680	650	92	"	59,800	3.02	180,596
	2005	630	600	87	"	52,200	2.90	151,380
OATS	2003	120	25	65	"	1,625	1.50	2,438
	2004	90	20	72	"	1,440	1.25	1,800
	2005	90	20	64	"	1,280	1.30	1,664
CORN, ALL	2003	190	185	--	"	--	--	--
	2004	230	225	--	"	--	--	--
	2005	235	230	--	"	--	--	--
CORN, GRAIN	2003	--	50	140	"	7,000	2.94	20,580
	2004	--	75	170	"	12,750	2.82	35,955
	2005	--	60	170	"	10,200	2.65	27,030
CORN, SILAGE	2003	--	135	26.0	<i>Ton</i>	3,510	--	--
	2004	--	150	26.5	"	3,975	--	--
	2005	--	170	26.5	"	4,505	--	--
HAY, ALL	2003	--	1,500	3.30	"	4,950	87.50	426,855
	2004	--	1,480	3.61	"	5,350	106.00	552,600
	2005	--	1,410	3.82	"	5,382	111.00	586,782
HAY, ALFALFA	2003	--	1,200	3.70	"	4,440	88.50	392,940
	2004	--	1,180	4.00	"	4,720	108.00	509,760
	2005	--	1,140	4.20	"	4,788	113.00	541,044
HAY, OTHER	2003	--	300	1.70	"	510	66.50	33,915
	2004	--	300	2.10	"	630	68.00	42,840
	2005	--	270	2.20	"	594	77.00	45,738
SUGARBEETS	2003	208	207	29.2	"	6,044	35.90	216,980
	2004	195	192	28.7	"	5,510	37.10	204,421
	2005	169	167	28.3	"	4,726	⁴	⁴
DRY EDIBLE BEANS	2003	75	73	20.5	<i>Cwt</i>	1,497	19.20	28,742
	2004	80	78	21.0	"	1,638	25.10	41,114
	2005	100	98	19.0	"	1,862	21.80	40,592
POTATOES, FALL	2003	360	358	344	"	123,180	4.40	541,992
	2004	355	353	374	"	131,970	4.25	560,873
	2005	325	323	362	"	116,975	5.30	619,968
LENTILS	2003	68	66	9.50	"	627	17.80	11,161
	2004	72	70	11.00	"	770	13.80	10,626
	2005	65	63	9.00	"	567	12.00	6,804
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	2003	10.0	8.0	14.00	"	112	10.60	1,187
	2004	15.5	12.0	14.00	"	168	9.10	1,529
	2005	10.0	8.0	11.00	"	88	7.13	627
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	2003	55.0	54.0	12.00	"	648	8.90	5,767
	2004	57.0	55.0	17.00	"	935	6.50	6,078
	2005	48.0	46.0	13.00	"	598	5.65	3,379
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	2003	--	--	--	"	163	13.40	2,184
	2004	--	--	--	"	174	15.60	2,714
	2005	--	--	--	"	140	22.30	3,122
CANOLA	2003	14.0	13.5	11.00	"	149	9.70	1,440
	2004	19.0	18.0	15.00	"	270	11.10	2,997
	2005	20.0	19.5	16.00	"	312	10.30	3,214

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		Planted	Harvested					
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
ONIONS ⁵	2003	10.0	9.8	600	"	5,880	11.30	55,709
	2004	11.0	10.4	770	"	8,008	6.80	42,486
	2005	9.7	9.5	640	"	6,080	12.60	62,055
HOPS	2003	--	3.4	1,536	<i>Lb</i>	5,266	1.62	8,531
	2004	--	3.3	1,588	"	5,165	1.60	8,264
	2005	--	3.3	1,640	"	5,391	1.63	8,787
MINT, PEPPERMINT	2003	--	14.0	95	"	1,330	11.60	15,428
	2004	--	14.0	90	"	1,260	11.50	14,490
	2005	--	14.0	100	"	1,400	11.80	16,520
MINT, SPEARMINT	2003	--	0.7	120	"	84	8.60	722
	2004	--	0.6	120	"	72	9.50	684
	2005	--	0.6	125	"	75	11.40	855
APPLES ⁶ (COMMERCIAL CROP)	2003	--	--	--	"	70,000	0.202	14,133
	2004	--	--	--	"	90,000	0.118	10,646
	2005	--	--	--	"	80,000	0.187	14,920
PEACHES ⁶	2003	--	--	--	<i>Ton</i>	6.3	713.00	4,491
	2004	--	--	--	"	8.5	752.00	6,388
	2005	--	--	--	"	8.0	967.00	7,735
CHERRIES, SWEET ⁶	2003	--	--	--	"	2.9	1,400.00	4,056
	2004	--	--	--	"	3.1	1,390.00	4,323
	2005	--	--	--	"	1.7	1,950.00	3,313
PRUNES & PLUMS ⁶	2003	--	--	--	"	2.5	518.00	1,284
	2004	--	--	--	"	3.9	613.00	2,401
	2005	--	--	--	"	2.0	999.00	1,948
TOTAL⁷	2003	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,819,062
	2004	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,070,078
	2005	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,085,044

1/ Marketing year price. 2005 is preliminary. 2/ Includes 2005 durum wheat. 3/ The publication of the durum series began in 2005. 4/ 2005 sugarbeet price and value not yet determined. 5/ Summer storage crop. Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 6/ Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage. 7/ Total value includes unpublished values from miscellaneous crops and an allowance for 2005 sugarbeets valued at 2004 prices.

2005 UNITED STATES CROP SUMMARY

CROP	YEAR	ACRES		YIELD PER ACRE	UNIT	PRODUCTION	PRICE PER UNIT 1/	VALUE OF PRODUCTION 1/
		PLANTED	HARVESTED					
		<i>Thousands</i>			<i>Bu</i>	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
WHEAT, WINTER	2003	45,384	36,753	46.7	"	1,716,721	3.27	5,597,974
	2004	43,350	34,462	43.5	"	1,499,434	3.32	4,948,510
	2005	40,433	33,794	44.4	"	1,499,129	3.30	4,924,953
WHEAT, SPRING (EXCLUDING DURUM)	2003	13,842	13,441	39.5	"	531,402	3.62	1,934,160
	2004	13,763	13,174	43.2	"	568,918	3.51	1,987,478
	2005	14,036	13,609	37.1	"	504,456	3.65	1,853,394
BARLEY	2003	5,348	4,727	58.9	"	278,283	2.83	755,140
	2004	4,527	4,021	69.6	"	279,743	2.48	698,184
	2005	3,875	3,269	64.8	"	211,896	2.45	505,962
OATS	2003	4,597	2,220	65.0	"	114,383	1.48	224,910
	2004	4,085	1,787	64.7	"	115,695	1.48	178,327
	2005	4,246	1,823	63.0	"	114,878	1.58	187,275
CORN, GRAIN	2003	78,603	70,944	142.2	"	10,089,222	2.42	24,476,803
	2004	80,929	73,631	160.4	"	11,807,086	2.06	24,381,294
	2005	81,759	75,107	147.9	"	11,112,072	1.90	21,040,707
CORN, SILAGE	2003	--	6,583	16.3	<i>Ton</i>	107,378	--	--
	2004	--	6,101	17.6	"	107,293	--	--
	2005	--	5,920	18.0	"	106,311	--	--
HAY, ALL	2003	--	63,383	2.49	"	157,585	85.50	12,006,783
	2004	--	61,966	2.55	"	158,247	92.00	12,211,868
	2005	--	61,649	2.44	"	150,590	98.00	12,491,263
SUGARBEETS	2003	1,365.4	1,347.8	22.8	"	30,710	41.40	1,270,026
	2004	1,345.6	1,306.7	23.0	"	30,021	36.90	1,106,878
	2005	1,294.8	1,238.9	22.3	"	27,654	3/	3/
DRY EDIBLE BEANS	2003	1,406.1	1,346.9	16.70	<i>Cwt</i>	22,492	18.40	422,793
	2004	1,354.3	1,219.3	14.59	"	17,788	25.70	452,871
	2005	1,659.3	1,562.9	17.42	"	27,222	18.40	526,044
POTATOES, ALL	2003	1,272.6	1,248.6	367	"	457,814	5.89	2,685,822
	2004	1,193.3	1,166.9	391	"	456,041	5.67	2,575,204
	2005	1,107.2	1,084.6	388	"	420,879	6.90	2,903,137
LENTILS	2003	246.0	237.0	10.30	"	2,442	17.20	41,407
	2004	345.0	329.0	12.71	"	4,182	14.40	60,893
	2005	450.0	439.0	11.76	"	5,163	11.70	58,940
AUSTRIAN WINTER PEAS	2003	21.1	15.6	11.15	"	174	10.60	1,833
	2004	32.5	24.5	11.88	"	291	9.19	2,764
	2005	42.5	24.5	12.53	"	307	7.32	2,400
DRY EDIBLE PEAS	2003	337.5	328.5	15.84	"	5,202	7.63	39,352
	2004	530.0	507.8	22.49	"	11,419	5.94	66,476
	2005	808.0	765.9	18.28	"	14,003	4.60	63,167
WRINKLED SEED PEAS	2003	--	--	--	"	673	13.70	9,222
	2004	--	--	--	"	899	14.10	12,719
	2005	--	--	--	"	755	16.70	12,593
ONIONS 4/	2003	114.3	111.4	464	"	51,642	9.73	448,242
	2004	115.8	110.1	535	"	58,878	7.28	363,625
	2005	108.8	106.4	483	"	51,386	11.40	513,596
APPLES 5/	2003	--	--	--	<i>Lb</i>	8,703,000	0.209	1,817,240
	2004	--	--	--	"	10,371,300	0.159	1,647,983
	2005	--	--	--	"	9,779,100	0.183	1,786,674
PEACHES 5/	2003	--	--	--	<i>Ton</i>	1,205.2	377.00	454,286
	2004	--	--	--	"	1,229.8	375.00	461,629
	2005	--	--	--	"	1,143.2	446.00	509,745
CHERRIES, SWEET 5/	2003	--	--	--	"	243.6	1,400.00	342,113
	2004	--	--	--	"	279.2	1,570.00	437,133
	2005	--	--	--	"	243.9	1,980.00	483,504
TOTAL CROP VALUES	2003	--	--	--	--	--	--	106,677,175
	2004	--	--	--	--	--	--	106,772,495
	2005	--	--	--	--	--	--	103,898,846

1/ Marketing year price. Averages computed by weighting State prices by estimated State sales and therefore may differ from the computed averages. 2005 is preliminary. 2/ Planted acreage is all corn planted (excluding sweet corn). 3/ Not available. 4/ Summer storage crop. Production includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 5/ Data shown are for utilized production which is the amount of fruit sold plus quantities used at home or held in storage. 6/ Table includes selected crops which do not sum to total value.